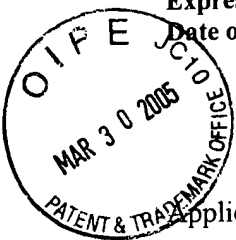


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Application Number : 10/624,233 Confirmation No. 7549
Applicant : Paola CAPODIECI, *et al.*
Filed : July 21, 2003
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For : **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE PREPARATION
AND USE OF FIXED-TREATED CELL-LINES AND TISSUE IN
FLUORESCENCE *IN SITU* HYBRIDIZATION**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the September 30, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before March 30, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 24817-503, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Sinn".

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